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The following is a summary of information on Soviet Air Force activity and airfields in East Germany

A. Airfield Occupation and Air Activity:

1. General:

The order of battle of the 24th Air Army was unchanged. Air activity, especially at fighter airfields, was limited owing to seasonal circumstances. There were a few local flights by individual fighters, sometimes without retracted landing gears. At some stations, military and physical training was intensified.

2. MIG-15's Counted on Airfields:

a. Erfurt-Bindersleben: 3 on 3 December.

b. Finow: 60 on 3 December.

c. Grossenhain: 8 on 6 December.

d. Merseburg: 19 on 8 December.

e. Neuruppin: 26 on 5 December.

f. Puetznitz: 4 on 5 December.

g. Wittstock: 19 on 1 December.

3. IL-28's Counted on Airfields:

a. Briesen: 23 on 30 November.

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b. Werneuchen: 35 on 7 December.

4. IL-10's Counted on Airfields:

a. Brandenburg-Industriehafen: 42 on 27 November.

b. Stendal: 23 on 3 December.

5. LI-2's and PO-2's Counted on Airfields:

a. Schoenefeld: 20 LI-2's and 2 PO-2's on 6 December.

b. Schoenwalde: 2 PO-2's on 8 December.

6. Vacant Airfields:

a. Brandis on 1 December.

b. Jocksdorf on 7 December.

7. Flying Activity:

a. Briesen: Between 1700 and 2100 hours on 26 November, IL-28's conducted night flying in the vicinity of the field.

b. Cottbus: Only YAK-11's and YAK-18's were observed in the air.

c. Oranienburg: There was no air activity.

B. Airfield Construction and Other Activities:

1. Construction:

a. Brandis: The arrival of runway mats has been confirmed. The mats were stored in the eastern hangar.

b. Querfurt: There was a work force of 50 men on 26 November.

c. Tutow: The work force numbered 566 on 26 November.

d. Vietmannsdorf: A total of 1251 men were employed at the site on 26 November.

2. Other Activities:

Oranienburg: Billeting equipment from the Hans Schemm School at Weisse Stadt was hauled to the spur track at Oranienburg airfield on 6 December, and was loaded on about twenty boxcars one day later. About ten additional boxcars were standing on a side track. On 8 December, the spur track was vacant. A fuel container of about 4,000-gallon capacity was lying nearby.¹

1. Comment: It is not known which unit left Weisse Stadt. The Hans Schemm School was previously occupied by an air force construction unit. 25X1

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